

<b>ELECTION AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT</b>	Application #	10/629,463
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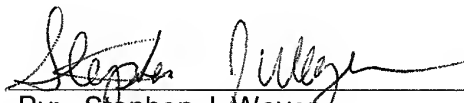
In response to the Office Action dated December 14, 2006, please consider the responsive **Remarks** provided herewith in **Attachment A**, and please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims provided herewith in **Attachment B**.

In view of the amendments made and the remarks provided, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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